Opening Doors Together: Strategies for Integrating Education and Housing Services
June 6, 2013
2:00pm Eastern

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Overview

- *Opening Doors:* Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- Why collaboration between ED, HUD, and other homelessness/housing programs is important

- Strategies for building relationships between homeless educators and housing providers

- Recommend important activities that invite immediate collaboration

Panelists

- Matthew Aronson, HUD, Special Needs and Assistance Programs Office

- John McLaughlin, ED, Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

- Jeanne Stamp, Texas Homeless Education Office

- Rebecca Landes, Northwest Assistance Ministries

Opening Doors

No one should experience homelessness and no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

Goals

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015

2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015

3. **Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020**

4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

Opening Doors Amendment 2012
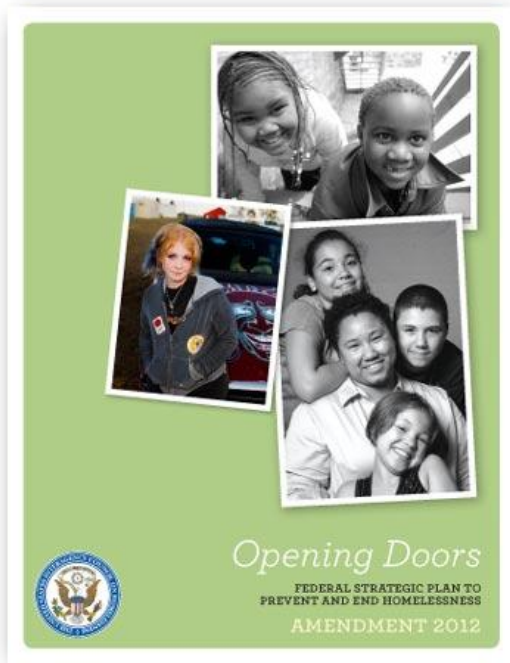
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http://www.usich.gov/opening_doors/amendment_2012/

Why Collaborate?

- Government Priority
  - *Opening Doors*: USICH's Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- Statutory Requirement
  - **EHCY requires** SEA and LEA collaboration with Federal housing programs
  - **HUD requires** educational assurances of CoC program grantees

- Reduce costs
  - Locate housing closer to students' schools to reduce cost of transportation

The Connection: Housing and Education

Housing Stability

Education
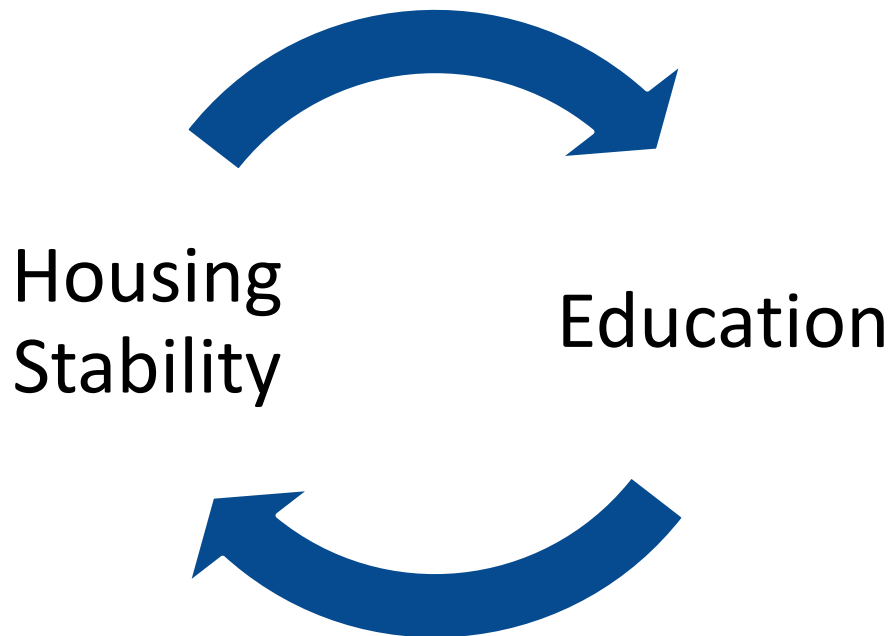
Positive outcomes require that we are all partners in child and youth services

Finding Common Ground

- Definitions of homelessness
  - **Understanding the differences will help practitioners assist families and youth access appropriate services**

- Communication between organizations
  - **Understanding how to communicate with one another will go a long way to building lasting collaborations**

Definitions of Homeless: Similarities and Differences

Similarities
- People who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

ED
- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Staying in hotels, motels, or campgrounds due to the lack of adequate alternative accommodations

HUD
- Category 1: Literal homelessness
- Category 2: Individuals and families who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days
- Category 3: Unaccompanied youth or families with children or youth who meet the homeless definition under another federal statute and 3 additional criteria
- Category 4: Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence with no subsequent residence, resources, or support networks

Strategies for Building Relationships

- **All providers can:**
  - Learn each other's definition of homelessness
  - Create a space for open discussion about shared values and gaps in service
  - Identify community stakeholders to partner with on activities that advance common values and goals
  - Attend each others' meetings
  - Develop MOUs for cooperation and information sharing

Strategies for Building Relationships

- HUD grantees can:
  - Connect with state coordinator and education liaisons
  - Learn local and state education laws and services including Title I, special education and early childhood education in their LEAs

- ED grantees can:
  - Connect with CoC lead agency and providers
  - Learn about the various housing resources offered in your community (e.g. CoC, ESG, SC2, HOME, FUP, PHAs)
  - Engage with HUD to assist with your plan to collaborate with federal housing programs

How to Bridge the Divide

- Texas Homeless Network (THN) and the Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO) encourage collaboration through:
  - Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
  - Newsletter
  - Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness
  - Cross-Training

Homeless Education Summit

- Collaboration between THN, THEO, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

- Discuss and share information

- Identify gaps in services

Spotlight: Houston, TX

Through collaboration with THEO and local school districts, and *data sharing*, the Houston CoC identified the need for permanent housing for homeless households with children
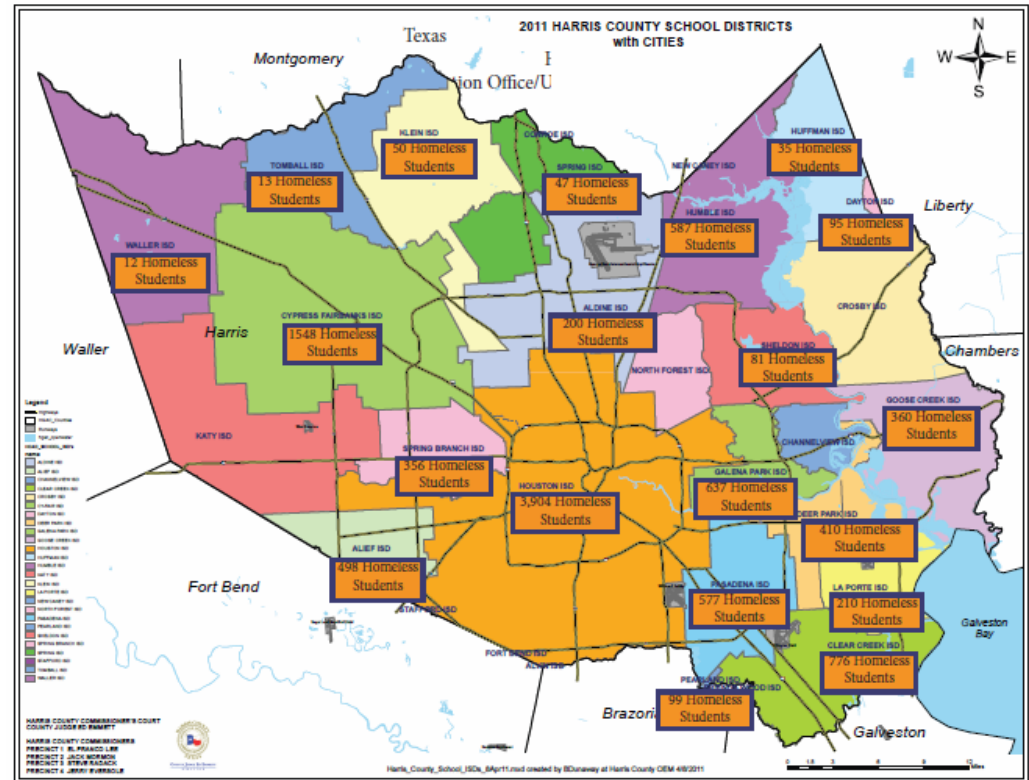
Homeless Response System

- Harris County Housing Authority
  - 100 Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless households with school age children
- Northwest Assistance Ministries
  - Rapid re-housing type services to assist with leasing and housing stability case management
- School District Staff
  - Assist in assessing and triaging families who fit with the housing model

Tips for Successful Collaboration

- Find your local CoC contact:
  - http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewCoc Contacts
    - ✓Select state
    - ✓Select CoC
    - ✓Click search

CoC Maps, Contacts, Reports, and Awards

Switch among the tabs to view other CoC-related information.

| CoC Maps | **CoC Contacts** | Homelessness Reports | Grant Awards |

Search Results: Continuum of Care Contacts

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Search Results for:

- **State:** Texas
- **Continuum of Care:** TX-700 – Houston/Harris County CoC

> **HUD Field Contact of Texas**
>
> **Houston Field Office**
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Your search returned 1 Lead Contact and 1 Points of Contact for homeless persons.

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Web Site: http://www.homelesshouston.org

Tips for Successful Collaboration

- Find your EHCY State Coordinator:
  - http://center.serve.org/nche/states/state_resources.php
    - ✓ Click state on the map
- The State Coordinator can provide contact information for local liaisons in LEAs covered by certain CoCs

State Contact

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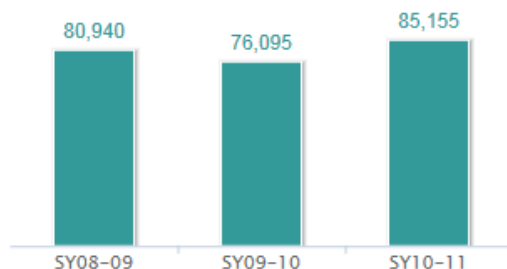Download a PDF
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Part 1, Section 1.9: **Education of Homeless Children and Youth**

Homeless Children and Youth Enrolled

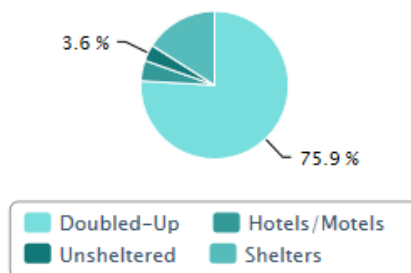- 80,940 — SY08–09
- 76,095 — SY09–10
- 85,155 — SY10–11

■ # of students enrolled

Total homeless children and youth enrolled in LEAs with and without McKinney-Vento subgrants
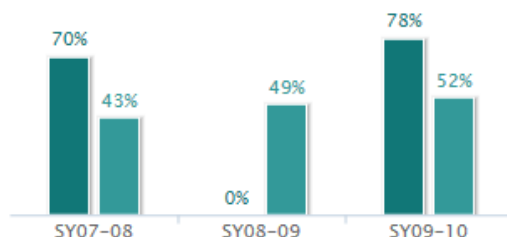
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Primary Nighttime Residence

- 3.6 %
- 75.9 %

Legend:
- Doubled–Up
- Hotels/Motels
- Unsheltered
- Shelters

SY08-09   SY09-10   **SY10-11**

Primary nighttime residence when student was identified as homeless.

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Reading Assessment

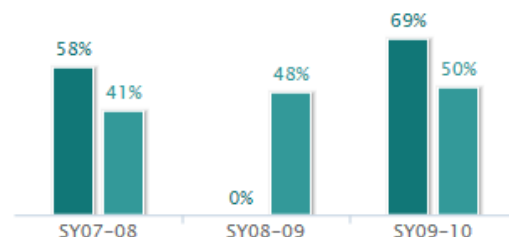|	SY07–08	SY08–09	SY09–10
% proficient or above in TX	70%	0%	78%
% proficient or above nationally	43%	49%	52%

■ % of students proficient or above in TX
■ % of students proficient or above nationally

Homeless students served by McKinney-Vento subgrants in grades 3-8 scoring proficient or above on state reading assessment.

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Math Assessment

	SY07–08	SY08–09	SY09–10
% proficient or above in TX	58%	0%	69%
% proficient or above nationally	41%	48%	50%

■ % of students proficient or above in TX
■ % of students proficient or above nationally

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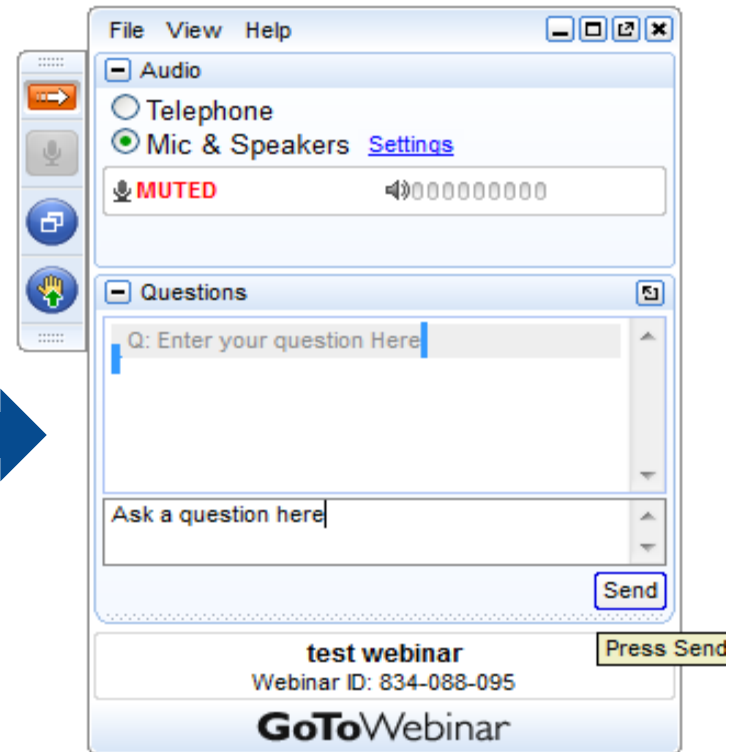
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Important Activities for Collaboration

- Coordinated Assessment
  - New CoC requirement

- Point in Time (PIT) count and cumulative annual counts

- Data sharing/disclosure initiatives

- Developing education assurances policy and procedures

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More Questions?

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Tools and Resources: ED

- NCHE's "Best Practices in Interagency Collaboration" brief
  http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/hud.pdf

- EHCY statute and ED Non-regulatory Guidance for EHCY
  http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html

- NCHE's "Determining Eligibility" brief
  http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/sc_eligibility.php

Tools and Resources: HUD

- HUD technical assistance

    https://www.onecpd.info/technical-assistance/

- Homelessness Resource Exchange

    http://www.hudhre.info/

- HUD definitions

    http://www.hudhre.info/esg/index.cfm

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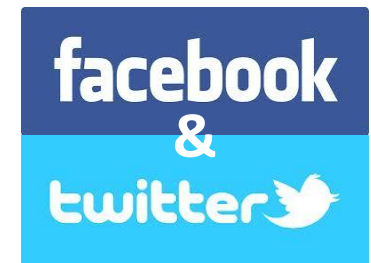
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